CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

1. A method for displaying metadata of a media file being stored in a memory, said media file having a first metadata field including first property data, and having a second metadata field including second property data, each property data defining a property of the media file, respectively, comprising:

identifying a first property category from the first metadata field of the media file;

parsing the first property data included in the first metadata field to identify a first property and a second property defined by the first property data; and

displaying the identified first property category, the identified first property, and the identified second property in hierarchically organized levels via a graphical user interface, wherein the identified property category is displayed as a first level of the hierarchically organized levels, and wherein the identified first property and the identified second property are displayed as a second level of the hierarchically organized levels.

2. The method of claim 1, wherein the identified first property category identifies a genre category, album category, or an artist category.

3. The method of claim 1, wherein the identified first property and the identified second property each identify a genre property, an album property, or an artist property.

4. The method of claim 1, wherein parsing property data includes parsing property data to identify a property delimiter, and wherein the property delimiter separates the identified first property from the identified second property.

5. The method of claim 1 further including modifying property data included in the metadata field of the media file to modify the identified property category, the first identified property, or the second identified property being displayed in the hierarchically organized levels.

6. The method of claim 1 further including:

identifying a second property category from the second metadata field of the media file;

wherein the second property category is different from the identified first property category; and

parsing the second property data included in the second metadata field to identify a different first property different than the first property and a different second property different than the second property , and wherein displaying includes displaying the different first property or the different second property in a third level of the hierarchically organized levels.

7. The method of claim 1, wherein the identified second property category identifies a genre category, album category, or an artist category.

8. A computer-readable medium having computer executable instructions for displaying metadata of a media file being stored in a memory, said media file having a first metadata field including first property data, and having a second metadata field including second property data, each property data defining a property of the media file, respectively, comprising:

identifying instructions for identifying a first property category from the first metadata field of the media file;

parsing instructions for parsing the first property data included in the first metadata field to identify a first property and a second property defined by the first property data; and

displaying instructions for displaying the identified first property category, the identified first property, and the identified second property in hierarchically organized levels via a graphical user interface, wherein the identified property category is displayed as a first level of the hierarchically organized levels, and wherein the identified first property and the identified second property are displayed as a second level of the hierarchically organized levels.

9. The computer-readable medium of claim 8, wherein the identified first property category identifies a genre category, album category, or an artist category.

10. The computer-readable medium of claim 8, wherein the identified first property and the identified second property each identify a genre property, an album property, or an artist property.

11. The computer-readable medium of claim 8, wherein parsing instructions parse property data to identify a property delimiter, and wherein the property delimiter separates the identified first property from the identified second property.

12 The computer-readable medium of claim 8, wherein the identifying instructions further identify a second property category from the second metadata field of the media file; wherein the second property category is different from the identified first property category; and wherein parsing instructions further parse the second property data included in the second metadata field to identify a different first property different than the first property and a different second property different than the second property, and wherein displaying includes displaying the different first property or the different second property in a third level of the hierarchically organized levels.

13. The computer readable medium of claim 12, wherein the identified second property category identifies a genre category, album category, or an artist category.

14. In a computer system having a graphical user interface including a display and a user interface selection device, a method of displaying metadata of a selected media file on the display, wherein the media file is selected by a user via the interface selection device from one or more media files being stored in a media library, said media file having a first metadata field including first property data, and having a second metadata field including second property data, each property data defining a property of the media file, respectively, comprising

identifying a first property category from the first metadata field of the media file;

parsing the first property data included in the first metadata field to identify a first property and a second property defined by the first property data; and

displaying the identified first property category, the identified first property, and the identified second property in hierarchically organized levels via a graphical user interface, wherein the identified property category is displayed as a first level of the hierarchically organized levels, and wherein the identified first property and the identified second property are displayed as a second level of the hierarchically organized levels.

15. The method of claim 14, wherein parsing property data includes parsing property data to identify a property delimiter, and wherein the property delimiter separates the identified first property from the identified second property.

16. The method of claim 14 further including:

identifying a second property category from the second metadata field of the media file; wherein the second property category is different from the identified first property category; and

parsing the second property data included in the second metadata field to identify a different first property different than the first property and a different second property different than the second property, and wherein displaying includes displaying the different first property or the different second property in a third level of the hierarchically organized levels.